

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-11 and 13-25 are currently pending with claims 7, 9-11, 13, 26, 28, 30-32, and 34-35 having been amended. Claims 1-6, 8, and 12 were previously canceled.

Claims 7, 9-11, 13-33, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Ryzin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,255,961) in view of Guo et al. (US Patent No. 6,173,330).

Claims 34-35 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Ryzin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,255,961).

Claim 7 has been amended to clarify the recited embodiment of the invention. Specifically, claim 7 has been amended to recite that the “electronic system” composes a portion “of a remote control device.” This amendment clarifies that the generated configuration data generated in the network-control station and transferred from the network-control station to the remote control is configured to permit the remote control to display a media guide, and clarifies that “a media selection for activating said media selection” occurs on the remote control.

In contrast, Van Ryzin discusses a “web page television guide of the Internet on the PC,” (not on the remote control) wherein a user can select a show to be recorded on the PC (not on the remote control). See Van Ryzin at Col. 5, lines 51-55. The PC would then “send the time codes of the shows to be recorded to the remote control unit. The user would then take the remote control unit with the recorded information into the living room... where the VCR is located, and press the record button on the remote control unit, thereby causing the record time codes gleaned from the Internet TV guide to be sent to the VCR.” Absolutely nowhere does Van Ryzin show or suggest the media guide retrieved from the Internet can be displayed on the remote control and a program selection can be made from the media guide on the remote control. The media guide of Van Ryzin retrieved from the Internet is displayed on the PC, not the remote control. Media selections from the media guide in the Van Ryzin system are made on the PC, not on the remote control.

Van Ryzin similarly discusses editing a play list that is (for example for a CD) retrieved from the Internet on the PC (not on the remote control). The edited play list is then

transferred from the PC to the remote control, and transferred from the remote control to the CD player for use. See Van Ryzin at Col. 5, lines 35-40, and Col. 6, lines 10-29. Absolutely nowhere does Van Ryzin show or suggest that the edited play list from the PC is displayed on the remote control, and that media selections for the edited play list may be made on the remote control.

While Van Ryzin does discuss a remote control configured to collect a table of contents for a CD from a CD player and display this play list on the remote control, absolutely nowhere does Van Ryzin show or suggest displaying a media guide collected from the Internet on the remote control, and making a media selection from the media guide collected from the Internet on the remote control. See Van Ryzin at Col. 4, lines 18 – 30. As the Internet media guide of Van Ryzin is not displayed on the Van Ryzin remote control (but is display on the PC), the Van Ryzin remote control does not show or suggest item selection from the Internet media guide on the remote control, but shows a simple table of contents collected from a CD.

Guo fails to make up for the deficiencies of Van Ryzin. Specifically, Guo discusses a system for transferring media guide information to a television set and displaying a media guide on the television set (not on a remote control) based on the media guide information. See Guo at Col. 1, lines 5-13.

For at least the foregoing reasons Van Ryzin and Guo, either alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest every limitation of amended claim 7. Therefore, Van Ryzin and Guo fail to render amended claim 7 obvious.

Claims 11 and 34 have been amended to recite similar limitations as that of claim 7 distinguished from Van Ryzin and Guo above. Claim 20 as previously presented recites similar limitations as that of claim 7 distinguished from Van Ryzin and Guo above. Therefore, Van Ryzin and Guo fail to render obvious amended claims 11 and 34, and previously presented claim 20.

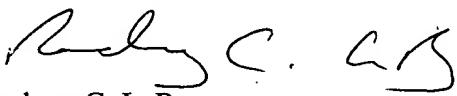
For the same reason that Van Ryzin fails to render amended claim 34 obvious, Van Ryzin similarly fails to anticipate amended claim 34.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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